

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following amended paragraph.

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However, and as will be emphasized by FIGURE 2C, existing text/graphics editors fail to provide access to perceptually salient areas within the bitmap. In FIGURE 2C, two perceptually salient structures of the picture, a circle 30 36 and a tail 32 38 are modified independently from one another. These operations have been achieved in an actual system implementation using concepts of the present invention. However, with existing text/graphic editors it is not possible to take bitmapped images, import them into existing test/graphics editors, and perform editing on automatically defined individual perceptually salient structures. Rather, editing of these bitmapped images are limited to basic editing of the overall picture object as depicted in FIGURE 2B. Similar shortcomings exist for the discussed digital ink images.

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